

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

By the foregoing amendment, claim 34 subject to an objection under 37 C.F.R. §1.75(c), has been cancelled. Additionally claim 35 has been cancelled and thus claim 22 remains without any alleged duplication with respect to claim 35.

The rejection of the claims based on 35 U.S.C. 112 first paragraph for failing to comply with the written description requirement is respectfully traversed. From a review of the specification and particularly the drawing figures 1, 2, 5, 6 and 8, it will be appreciated that the glass plate 3 is placed in a planar state at each portion (the carrying in section 6, the cutting section 11, the bend breaking section 12, the placing section 13, the grinding section 15 and the carrying out section 7). The amendments to the specification make clear that the cancellation of the suction at each such portion restores the bent glass plate to a planar state, that is, the suction units 161-165 synchronously move the glass plate while in a concave condition to the various work sections where the suction is removed enabling the concave glass plate to be restored to its planar state. For example, at the top of page 37 of the specification the suction to the suction unit 161 is cancelled to place the glass plate 3 on the cutting area of the endless belt 73. Referring to Figure 5 it is quite clear that the glass plate is planar at that work section. A similar action occurs upon locating the glass plate in the bend breaking area. (See the middle paragraph on page 38 of the specification). Consequently applicant submits there is ample support from the initial specification for indicating that the glass plate is restored to a planar condition and that the planar glass plate is worked on in that condition. The amendments to the specification make those observations more clear. Noting particularly the planar configuration of the glass plate in the cross-sectional views 5 and 6.

Accordingly, applicant believes that the objections to the claims and the rejections based on 35 U.S.C. §112 first and second paragraphs have now been cured and the application is now in condition for formal allowance.

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